METHOD FOR OPERATING NETWORKED GAMING DEVICES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system for monitoring and configuring gaming devices interconnected over
5   a high-speed network is disclosed. The system can support a file server, one or more
floor controllers, one or more pit terminals, and other terminals all interconnected
over the network. Each gaming device includes an electronic module which allows
the gaming device to communicate with a floor controller over a current loop
network. The electronic module includes a player tracking module and a data
10   communication node. The player tracking module includes a card reader for
detecting a player tracking card inserted therein which identifies the player. The data
communication node communicates with both the floor controller and the gaming
device. The data communication node communicates with the gaming device over a
serial interface through which the data communication node transmits
15   reconfiguration commands. The gaming device reconfigures its payout schedule
responsive to the reconfiguration commands to provide a variety of promotional
bonuses such as multiple jackpot bonuses, mystery jackpot bonuses, progressive
jackpot bonuses, or player specific bonuses.